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UNDER 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98

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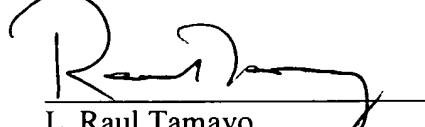
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In compliance with the concise explanation requirement under 37 C.F.R. § 1.98(a)(3) for foreign language documents, Applicant encloses herewith a copy of a Communication from a foreign patent office in a counterpart application citing such documents, together with an English-language version (if not already included) of at least that portion of the Communication indicating the degree of relevance found by the foreign patent office. In addition, Applicant points out that the listed document U.S. 5,542,680 is an English-language equivalent of the listed JP 8-229162 and the listed document U.S. 6,255,382 is an English-language equivalent of the listed JP 8-71177.

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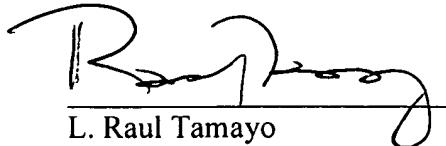
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